

Saturday Gazette.

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BLOOMFIELD AND MONTCLAIR.
BELLEVILLE, CALDWELL AND VERONA.

An independent weekly journal of LITERATURE, EDUCATION, POLITICS, GENERAL NEWS and LOCAL INTERESTS.

All public and local questions, including political and social, sanitary and reformatory, educational and industrial topics will be clearly presented and fully and fairly discussed.

It is intended and expected to make it not only readable and interesting to the general reader, but of special value to citizens of the county and of real importance to every resident of Bloomfield, Montclair, Caldwell, Belleville and Verona.

Nothing will be admitted to its columns that is unworthy of cordial welcome to every family circle.

Scolded Clergymen in the county, and all Public School Teachers in the county will receive the paper gratuitously by sending their address.

To ADVERTISERS it should prove a valuable medium. Our circulation extends to every part of Essex County, and considerably elsewhere.

SUBSCRIPTIONS and ADVERTISEMENTS will be received and forwarded by the Postmaster, also at our office in Bloomfield or may be addressed by mail, to Wm. P. Lyon, Editor and Proprietor, Bloomfield, N. J.

FOURTH OF JULY.—Our day of publication will correspond this year with the National Anniversary. We are expecting to get out a most valuable number for that day, and shall publish a larger edition and on finer paper. It will be sought and read and preserved for its historical value. Advertisers should avail themselves of this opportunity and send in advertisements early.

EQUALITY OF TAXATION.—The ASSESSOR has commenced making out his new lists of properties for the present year, with his assessment valuation of each. It is now generally known how irregular and unequal they have been in past years; and as he has not consented to give the public any encouragement that he intends to adopt a different principle and a fairer system. We recommend every tax-payer to scrutinize the list, and know if all properties are assessed at the same rate, or percentage on their cash values.

It is in his power, and it is his duty to adjust the assessable values of all properties, large and small on the same basis, and he may as well make up his mind that citizens will not be reconciled, or submit to anything else.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"CANTS." These pecky dogs should be allowed to bark at the moon exclusively on their own premises, and then only in a major key with minor voice. If their owners permit them to intone their service upon the highway, they will be apt to come home some of these fine nights complaining of feeling unwell, and bringing much superfluous tin ware.

"FATIGUE." We shall be most happy to write your "HABITUAL" if you will explain to us what that sort of thing may be. If it is probable, you mean Obituary we must have full account of the life and character, pedigree and virtues of the deceased.

"GREENHORN." Put a little butter in the milk before you begin to churn to throw off its guard, and then go in and win.

"PEDEAR." You may pass through a civilized village like Bloomfield, with lighter roads, and not be struck by lightning, but if you are not forcibly struck by something else, we'll consider you a conundrum and give you up.

"CALDWELL." The railroad will go through yet, and with the Saturday Gazette, bring enduring advantages in its train.

AMONG THE INTERESTING CONTENTS of this issue will be found a literary treat in the Pendleton Correspondence, a valuable communication under Foreign Correspondence from citizens of Montclair, an interesting instalment of correspondence from California by Mr. F. H. McDowell, late of Bloomfield, and the conclusion of the invaluable road report of Mr. Joseph Van Vleck of Montclair.

"HOME COMFORT."—We take real pleasure in calling attention to the standing advertisement in our columns of Angell, Atwater & Company's STEAM BRAKES, HOT AIR FURNACE and FRANKLIN RANGE. We are well acquainted with these gentlemen and have visited their splendid establishment, at 706 Broadway, N. Y., where the most courteous attention is given to every inquiry for the best "house-warmer" in use, and the most convenient, efficient and satisfactory Cooking Range ever offered for sale in that city. We know these gentlemen to be thoroughly experienced and skilled in their business and reliable in character. Their advice and statements on this subject may be implicitly trusted.

Whoever is going to require new heating apparatus, or cooking arrangements, would do well to visit that establishment and consult these gentlemen.

"CAWLEY & BLESS," the old established, well kept and courteously attended Fancy Goods and Notion Store, on Broad street, next to the Canal Bridge, seem to have everything appertaining to ladies' and children's apparel, as well as fancy articles of all kinds.

Since they have advertised with us, many of our Montclair and Bloomfield ladies have become regular customers at this store, greatly to their own satisfaction. See advertisement.

THE RIGHT MAN FOR THE RIGHT PLACE. John E. Cadwallader, of New York, has been appointed Assistant Secretary of State to Hamilton Fish. Well connected by birth and associations, Mr. Cadwallader is also a cultured and travelled gentleman and intimately acquainted with foreign politics.

POST MASTER GENERAL.—John A. J. Creswell, the very able and efficient Post Master General at Washington, for the past five years, has tendered his resignation to the President.

BISHOP ELECT.—Dr. Welles, Pastor of Christ Church, at Red Wing, Minn., has been elected Bishop of the Episcopal Church for the Diocese of Wisconsin.

ACTIVE PREPARATIONS we understand, are making to put the Montclair Midland R. R. in running order at an early day.

Several communications unavoidably deferred.

THE SYRACUSE DISASTER.—A most appalling occurrence took place on the evening of the 23rd inst. at the Central Baptist Church in Syracuse. The church festival, at which 500 people, a large proportion of whom were young persons and children, were enjoying social recreation, was suddenly plunged into woe and agony. The church parlor floor, forty feet square, in the second story, gave way, precipitating the joyous throng fifteen feet amid broken beams and planks, clouds of suffocating plaster, and shattered furniture, a bruised and maimed mass, some dead, others dying, and more than 100 more or less injured.

Among the incidents were the following: A father who joined the rescuers brought a dead child from the wreck, and the light revealed his own daughter, whom he supposed safe at home. A young bride, who had just stepped in for refreshments, went down with her husband at her side. She was instantly killed, and he was unharmed. A young woman, with visiting friends, was instantly killed, and they escaped. A group of persons in the middle of the room were all carried down, and none escaped death or severe injury. Dr. Wainwright, in the most robust health, was maimed to death, and his invalid wife by his side survives. Ex Alderman Barnes and his wife were eating at a table, and he is seriously hurt, while she was crushed to death. A lovely girl of thirteen sprang to her mother's arms, and there died from injuries, and the mother escaped uninjured. Several little girls who were killed were dressed for a "Little Young Folks" Concert which was about to begin. Thirteen persons were killed outright—several others will die. 2 men, 4 married women, 2 young ladies, 4 girls and 1 boy were killed—16 seriously injured—70 more or less hurt.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The School Trustees of Essex County, at their meeting last Saturday, very promptly took up the gauntlet thrown down by the Teachers, a few weeks ago at Irvington. Mr. C. Peloubet of Bloomfield, a veteran in the cause of education, but whose zeal and progressiveness are not surpassed by any younger members, called attention to the resolution of the Teachers' Association; which, he said, had attracted considerable notice both in and out of the State. This resolution, (which was carried 45 to 1), gave a wrong idea of the state of discipline in our schools. One would imagine that the teachers had found it impossible to maintain order without the use of the rod; and, so, had passed a resolution in favor of the prohibition being repealed. His experience was different; in the schools with which he had been connected for many years, as trustee, far better order was now maintained than formerly, when corporal punishment was practiced.

Other trustees gave the same testimony; although there were a few from the smaller districts, who thought that some of the roughest boys in their schools would be benefited by a whipping now and then.

Col. J. B. Baker stated that he was present when the resolution referred to was passed. It was not fully debated; the teachers who spoke were all on one side, the other having kept quiet; the question should not then have been taken. The proper way would have been to lay the resolution on the table to be more fully discussed at the next meeting. He also knew that a number opposed to the resolution did not vote.

Dr. J. H. Love of Montclair, testified that the discipline of the schools in his district was better than when the rod was used. He offered the following resolution which he supported in an earnest and effective speech:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the School Trustees of Essex County in meeting assembled that the law abolishing corporal punishment from the public schools of this State has worked satisfactorily during the past, and that there is no existing necessity for its repeal.

The resolution was adopted by a large majority.

We think that the trustees have the right of the matter; there can be no doubt that our schools are under better discipline and are more easily governed, when the rod was used. And when teachers ask to have corporal punishment restored, it looks very much as if they considered their own government somewhat deficient in strength. The rod will not help it.

C. M. D.

HOME MATTERS.

BLOOMFIELD.

OUR CHURCHES LAST SUNDAY.

BLOOMFIELD PRESBYTERIAN.—Rev. Dr. Cope's presence in the pulpit again lighted up the countenances of all.

The examination not only shows a very satisfactory state of our Public Schools as regards the past year, but also gives ground for high hope for the work of the next year.

The following LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

from the newly elected Pastor, Rev. H. W. BALLANTINE, was read to the congregation.

COPY OF LETTER—New York June 20, 1874. To the Session and Trustees of the Presbyterian congregation of Bloomfield, N. J.

Dear Brethren, your letter of the 16th inst. in behalf of the Bloomfield-Presbyterian Congregation, extending to me a call to undertake the office of pastor in that congregation, has been put into my hands by the committee to whom you entrusted it. I have given it such prayerful consideration as the solemnity of the matter calls for, as you had doubtless, previously done on your part. The clearness and gratifying unanimity of your decision, of which I have been assured have rendered my own much easier, and I hereby make known to you my acceptance of the call I venture to do this only in the belief that the Great Head of the church has given His guidance in the steps, you have thus far taken and if so, he will surely not with hold from me that grace and strength which I shall constantly need as his minister among you, "ye also helping together by prayer for me." Praying that the love and favor of our Heavenly Father may continue evermore with you, and that He may accept our working together in His Vineyard for the sake of his dear Son.

I am in the fellowship of the Gospel.

Yours faithfully,

H. W. BALLANTINE.

THE BAPTIST.—Rev. DR. STUBBERT PASTOR, had for his morning theme, *Social Prayer*, and in the evening, *Infancy of Jesus*. A full house listened to him with attention on both occasions.

Rev. J. DAKNER, Rector at the Episcopal church, was very happy, as usual in his choice of simple, practical topics and in his clear and impressive utterance of truth.

AT WESTMINSTER.—Rev. Dr. Kennedy, the pastor preached in the morning on the *Character of Moses* to an appreciative audience. In the evening Rev. Dr. Newlin, of Orange Valley, once a pastor in Bloomfield, discoursed on the *Second Coming of Christ* with considerable originality and power, in the vein, of his peculiar views of the millenarian theory.

In conducting the singing this church has again adopted the Choir system, with Mr. Beach as leader.

At the METHODIST, Rev. Henry Spellmeyer, Pastor. The theme in the morning was *The Design of Prayer in affliction*. The evening sermon was addressed to young men—the strength of young manhood. Both by the pastor to a full house.Next Sunday will be *Children's day* at this church. Services morning, afternoon (at 2.30) and evening. The Morning discourse will be by Rev. J. W. Freeman of New York.

A MEETING of Trustees and Congregation of the Presbyterian Church was held on Tuesday evening for conference in regard to renovating the church. Mr. A. T. Morris is understood to be the instigator of it. He has long been dissatisfied with the rattling windows and the sagging walls and the needless pew doors, &c. The conference resulted in committing the whole matter to a large committee of ladies and gentlemen, with power to do what their taste and judgment should decide upon.

The following comprise the committee, with the large-hearted Mr. Morris at its head.

Aug. T. Morris, Theo. H. Ward, N. U. Dodd, Dr. J. A. Davis, Thos. McGowen, Miss Mary E. Coe, Miss M. Fanny Dodd, Josephine Davis, Clara Spaulding, Mrs. Broughton, Mrs. D. B. Cod, Mrs. McGowan.

EUCLEAN SOCIETY.—This society held their last meeting of the season on Monday evening.

An able, comprehensive and justly critical report upon the exercises of the previous meeting was read by the society's worthy and warm friend, the Rev. Dr. Kennedy.

A special vote of thanks were tendered to the Rev. Dr. for the good will manifested by the preparation of the report.

The literary exercises were composed entirely of readings, differing one from another in style sufficiently to make the exercises very interesting. There was the pathetic, the imaginative and the sentimental poems varied by ludicrous, argumentative and paradoxical prose readings. We could mention especially the efforts of W. D. Fouke, Ed. B. Kennedy and J. B. Reed.

Miscellaneous business being in order, some considerable discussion was elicited upon the question of a public lecture course for the Fall. Some seemed to favor a less expensive lecture course than heretofore, but the prevalent sentiment was for a very first class course, composed of well known names.

The resolution was, however, on motion referred to the Public Meeting committee with power to decide whether or not we shall have a public lecture course and if so, of what kind.

The subject of adjournment for the session coming up, called forth diverse opinions, but a resolution was adopted to the effect that the society stands adjourned until the first Monday in September.

COMMUNICATED.

Presbyterian.—Rev. J. R. Berry, Pastor, who, being absent from town, the Rev.

Prof. Woodbridge, of Rutgers' Theological College, New Brunswick, disengaged to the large congregation, morning and evening.

The morning theme was, "Evidence of the existence of God," drawn from nature and revelation and from man himself, suggested by the text, *The fool hath said in his heart there is no God*. In the evening the theme was—the true Christian spirit, and charity.

Rev. Dr. Campbell will preach in this church next Sunday (to-morrow) morning and evening.

At the CONGREGATIONAL, the Rev. J. D. Eaton is gaining upon his hearers, winning their deep attention and their high esteem.

Rev. J. L. MAXWELL draws an increased attendance at the St. Luke's Episcopal Church and gives them something valuable to remember and practice.

MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOL.—The Annual Examination of the classes commenced on Thursday and continued through Friday.

They will be resumed on Monday and continue through Tuesday and Wednesday next, and will doubtless furnish gratifying proof of the competency and fidelity of teachers, as well as of the interest and assiduity of the pupils. Parents and citizens owe it alike to teachers and scholars, to manifest their interest in the arduous labor of these devoted teachers, and in the offered evidence of the progress and attainment of these students, by attending, at least, some portion of the examination.

The sermon before the High School at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, by Rev. Dr. Campbell, President of Rutgers' College, will, of course, draw a crowded house. So also will the exercises of the Graduating Class, at the Congregational Church, on Wednesday evening next.

We understand that Mr. E. P. Clark, is arraying himself with the antagonists of the Montclair Midland Railroad, by taking up a portion of the track that crosses his land at Watchung.

Trickery and sharp practice are altogether too prevalent since the advent of the City Charter, causing Belleville to obtain a name among outsiders that is not to be envied and which will result in per-

The closing exercises of the Primary School will occur on Monday afternoon next, and those of the High and Grammar departments will be on Tuesday afternoon, commencing on each day at two o'clock.

THE EXAMINATION and the Commencement exercises of the German Theological School in Bloomfield, occurred on Tuesday and was a memorable occasion. We hope to give a full account next week.

PERSONAL.

PROF. EDWARD B. CORN and his bride sailed on Wednesday, in the Abyssinia, for Europe, intending to spend six months abroad.

COLLEGE GRADUATE.—Among the graduates last week, at Rutgers' College, New Brunswick; we notice the name of WILLIAM B. BERRY of our town. He not only secured his Bachelor of Arts diploma with credit, but also won the general prize for superior excellence in Natural Science and the specific prize for highest attainment in Mineralogy. His Oration at the Commencement was on the chosen theme—*"Singleness of aim."* We would suggest that the Young Men's Christian Association of Montclair invite him to repeat it here.

TOWN COUNCIL—MONTCLAIR.

June 24.

All present.

THE VOTE taken at last meeting in reference to St. Luke's Place was reconsidered, and then

A MOTION was carried that map and report of the Commissioners on St. Luke's Place be ratified and adopted.

A PETITION from J. E. MANU and others for a road from Claremont Avenue to Bloomfield Avenue. ORDERED that Read Commissioners be called to meet on Monday, July 20, on the ground, at nine o'clock a.m.

BIDS FOR LYING SIDEWALKS, opened, for Plank walks, awarded to Taylor Bros. at 29c for Pine, and 30c. for Spruce.

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